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Amendments to the Claims:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A computer-based networked system
2 for coordination of a government purchase document and approval
3 of said government purchase document by an approval chain having
4 one or more signatories, comprising:

5 means used by a requester to create said government purchase
6 document, said requester selecting said government
7 purchase document to be created by said requester from
8 a group of government purchase documents consisting of
9 a DD (Department of Defense) Form 1348 Six Part
10 Requisition Document, a DD Form 1348-6 Requisition
11 Document and a work sheet for a government Bankcard
12 purchase;

13 first notifying means for notifying a processor of said
14 government purchase document, wherein the processor
15 reviews said government purchase document for
16 completeness and accuracy and upon finding said
17 government purchase document to be complete and
18 accurate, the processor forwards said government
19 purchase document to said approval chain;

20 means for determining said approval chain for said
21 government purchase document;

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22 means for sending said government purchase document through
23 said approval chain, wherein each of the signatories
24 approves said government purchase ~~order~~ document by
25 affixing an electronic signature to said government
26 purchase ~~order~~ document before said government purchase
27 document is forwarded to a next signatory in said
28 approval chain for approval;

29 second notifying means for notifying the processor of
30 approval of said government purchase document, wherein
31 the processor is notified after a final signatory in
32 said approval chain approves said government purchase
33 document; and

34 means for printing an ~~approval form~~ approved government
35 purchase document, wherein said ~~approval form~~ approved
36 government purchase document contains information
37 relevant to ~~said purchase document~~ a purchase of an
38 item and the electronic signature of each of said
39 signatories in said approval chain.

1 Claim 2 (currently amended): The computer-based networked system
2 of Claim 1, further comprising:

3 means for rejecting said government purchase document by any

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4 one of said signatories, wherein the processor and the
5 requester are notified of ~~said~~ a rejection of said
6 government purchase document, said processor, in
7 response to said rejection, requesting information from
8 said requester to correct and complete said government
9 purchase document.

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The computer-based networked system
2 of Claim 1, further comprising:

3 means for accessing all ~~purchase orders~~ of said government
4 purchase documents awaiting approval by each of said
5 signatures.

1 Claim 4 (currently amended): The computer-based networked system
2 of Claim 1, further comprising:

3 means for illustrating said approval chain, wherein an
4 indicator is provided as each of said signatories
5 approves said government purchase document.

Claim 5 (canceled).

1 Claim 6 (currently amended): The computer-based networked system

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of Claim 1, further comprising:

means for completing said government purchase document,

wherein said computer-based networked system searches a
stock database of existing purchase after the requester
inputs a new part number which corresponds to an
existing part number in said stock database.

Claims 7-14 (canceled).

15 (new): A computer-based networked system for coordination of a
government purchase document and approval of said government
purchase document by an approval chain having one or more
signatories, comprising:

means used by a requester to create said government purchase
document, said requester selecting said government
purchase document to be created by said requester from
a group of government purchase documents consisting of
a DD (Department of Defense) Form 1348 Six Part
Requisition Document, a DD Form 1348-6 Requisition
Document and a work sheet for a government Bankcard
purchase;

first notifying means for notifying a processor of said

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22 government purchase document, wherein the processor
23 reviews said government purchase document for
24 completeness and accuracy and upon finding said
25 government purchase document to be complete and
26 accurate, the processor forwards said government
27 purchase document to said approval chain;
28 means for determining said approval chain for said
29 government purchase document;
30 means for sending said government purchase document through
31 said approval chain, wherein each of the signatories
32 approves said government purchase document by affixing
33 an electronic signature to said government purchase
34 document before said government purchase document is
35 forwarded to a next signatory in said approval chain
36 for approval;
37 second notifying means for notifying the processor of
38 approval of said government purchase document, wherein
39 the processor is notified after a final signatory in
40 said approval chain approves said government purchase
41 document; and
42 means for printing an approved government purchase document,
43 wherein said approved government purchase document

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44 contains information relevant to a purchase of an item
45 and the electronic signature of each of said
46 signatories in said approval chain;
47 means for allowing said requester to provide a sole source
48 statement for the purchase of said item, said sole
49 source statement justifying the purchase of said item
50 without price competition from multiple vendors;
51 means for allowing said requester to provide an urgency
52 statement to expedite the purchase of said item; and
53 means for allowing said requester to provide an extended
54 description of said item to be purchased using said
55 computer-based networked system.

1 Claim 16 (new): The computer-based networked system of claim 15
2 further comprising means for allowing said requester to provide a
3 job order number for said item to be purchased, said computer
4 based networked system having a master job order file which
5 includes said job order number to validate said job order number,
6 insure a positive funds balance for said job order number and
7 insure that said job order number allows for a purchase of said
8 item.

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1 Claim 17 (new): The computer-based networked system of claim 16
2 wherein said computer based networked system provides an
3 expiration date on said government purchase document for funds
4 used to purchase said item when said computer based networked
5 system indicates said positive fund balance is available for the
6 purchase of said item.

1 Claim 18 (new): A computer-based networked system for
2 coordination of a government purchase document and approval of
3 said government purchase document by an approval chain having one
4 or more signatories, comprising:

5 means used by a requester to create said government purchase
6 document, said requester selecting said government
7 purchase document to be created by said requester from
8 a group of government purchase documents consisting of
9 a DD (Department of Defense) Form 1348 Six Part
10 Requisition Document, a DD Form 1348-6 Requisition
11 Document and a work sheet for a government Bankcard
12 purchase;

13 means for allowing said requester to provide a part number
14 from a manufacturer of an item to be purchased, said
15 computer based networked system upon receiving from

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16 said requester the part number for said item to be
17 purchased accessing a stock database to determine
18 whether another item having an identical part number
19 was purchased using said computer based networked
20 system, said computer based networked system providing
21 to said requester procurement data for said item having
22 said identical part number to assist said requester in
23 completing said government purchase document
24 first notifying means for notifying a processor of said
25 government purchase document, wherein the processor
26 reviews said government purchase document for
27 completeness and accuracy and upon finding said
28 government purchase document to be complete and
29 accurate, the processor forwards said government
30 purchase document to said approval chain;
31 means for determining said approval chain for said
32 government purchase document;
33 means for sending said government purchase document through
34 said approval chain, wherein each of the signatories
35 approves said government purchase document by affixing
36 an electronic signature to said government purchase
37 document before said government purchase document is

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38 forwarded to a next signatory in said approval chain
39 for approval;

40 second notifying means for notifying the processor of
41 approval of said government purchase document, wherein
42 the processor is notified after a final signatory in
43 said approval chain approves said government purchase
44 document; and

45 means for printing an approved government purchase document,
46 wherein said approved government purchase document
47 contains said procurement data which is relevant to a
48 purchase of said item and the electronic signature of
49 each of said signatories in said approval chain,
50 wherein said procurement data includes a nomenclature
51 for said item to be purchased, a unit of issue for said
52 item to be purchased, a unit cost for said item to be
53 purchased, a National Stock number for said item to be
54 purchased and a distribution code for said item to be
55 purchased;

56 means for allowing said requester to provide a sole source
57 statement for the purchase of said item, said sole
58 source statement justifying the purchase of said item
59 without price competition from multiple vendors;

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60 means for allowing said requester to provide an urgency
61 statement to expedite the purchase of said item; and
62 means for allowing said requester to provide an extended
63 description of said item to be purchased using said
64 computer-based networked system.

1 Claim 19 (new): The computer-based networked system of claim 18
2 further comprising means for allowing said requester to provide a
3 job order number for said item to be purchased, said computer
4 based networked system having a master job order file which
5 includes said job order number to validate said job order number,
6 insure a positive funds balance for said job order number and
7 insure that said job order number allows for a purchase of said
8 item.

1 Claim 20 (new): The computer-based networked system of claim 19
2 wherein said computer based networked system provides an
3 expiration date on said government purchase document for funds
4 used to purchase said item when said computer based networked
5 system indicates said positive fund balance is available for the
6 purchase of said item.